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Roadrunner Review - Summer 2013

A SPECIAL DAY IN 3RD GRADE!

At the beginning of May, 3rd graders had a special guest visit from Valley Metro. They learned about the city bus/light rail system, how to use it, and how alternate forms of transportation can help save money and reduce pollution. It also helped students understand the construction of the new light rail that is happening just outside of our school gates. This presentation helped prepare them for their field trip to The Children's Museum of Phoenix a few days later. They took advantage of Valley Metro's field trip program and used public transportation to get there and back! Students enjoyed the city sights and interacted positively with the public on the bus, even teaching a few a little bit of sign language (despite some being shy about being deaf around hearing people). They had a blast exploring the many open learning themes the museum provides (art, sound, gravity, recycling, building, tactile, poetry, physical movement, etc.), but everyone's favorite seemed to be "The Climber" - a massive, three-story, indoor tree house-like structure. They enjoyed a picnic lunch and were pretty worn out by the time they got back to campus, a sure sign of a good day!



WATER DAY!

On Friday, May 17, all 102 of our elementary students, along with their teachers and instructional aides, enjoyed the Annual Water Day event on the field! This is made possible by the relationship we have established and maintained with the City of Phoenix Fire Department over the years. Each year, Captain Darrell Wiseman makes arrangements for a fire engine to show up and blast our students and staff! Captain Wiseman knows sign language and is a favorite among our staff and students. Thank you Captain Wiseman for another day of fun in the sun, confirming that the school year is over and it's time for summer to begin!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The High School's Character Education classes have been busy giving back to the community through volunteerism. First period participated in a cleanup day benefitting Pioneer Preparatory School in Maryvale. The



day of service was set up in the name of a previous student at Pioneer Preparatory School who died of cancer last year. Our PDS students graciously gave up a Saturday to weed, shovel and plant flowers and a new tree in the Phoenix heat!

Periods three and five hosted a school-wide Pet Food and Supply drive to benefit a local nonprofit agency, Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry. The classes collected over 90 pounds of dog food, 26 pounds of dog treats, 52 pounds of cat food, 11 bowls, 13 balls, 6 leashes, 20 dog and cat toys and 1 sweater! We are very excited to help pet owners facing financial challenges continue to love and care for their pets.



PDSD KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION 2013

Twenty students graduated from our Kindergarten program this spring. These students learned a variety of skills during their Kindergarten year, including their ABCs, counting, and how to be a good friend. Their language and communication skills in both ASL and English improved greatly! These students represent the future PSDS graduating class of 2025!

PDSD PRESCHOOL Preschool students learn best through hands-on, fun, language-producing activities. Based on that premise, there has been a lot of learning happening this quarter.



The PSDS Preschool class in San Tan Valley had a wonderful family campout!! The students' classroom was transformed into a campground for a couple of weeks prior to the experience and then families had the opportunity for some community building and fun with their children and other parents during a real live sleepover campout. Crafts, sleeping bags, nature, and of course s'mores were enjoyed by all.



The PSDS Preschool class in Tempe had a water day with the nearby preschool. They joined in pool play and slid down two "high" blow-up water slides. The children were able to show how brave they were when going "down, down, down!!"

The PSDS Preschool on the main campus has been enjoying watching their garden grow!! They planted and cared for a beautiful new garden box. They were especially excited to see the sunflower bloom.



We hope all our preschool children have a safe and fun-filled summer!

CLOSE UP

After a year of fundraising, 13 students and 2 teachers met at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport at 5 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, to begin a week of learning about government and politics with the Close Up Program in Washington, DC. Upon arriving in DC, our students immediately became involved in meetings with their program Instructors, interpreters, and other students in their workshop. Throughout the week we met many new people from around the United States, and around the world! Every day started with a wakeup call and breakfast before heading off into various groups to explore and learn exciting new things: memorials, museums, Capitol Hill, the White House, and the history of the United States. It was a week filled with many great memories, even though some may tell you that the best part of the trip was meeting and getting their pictures taken with Larry Fitzgerald! We made a special trip to Gallaudet University. We didn't get to see many students as it was finals week, but it was fun to explore the campus and find the football field and gyms. We arrived back in Phoenix on Friday afternoon with heavy hearts about leaving DC – there is just so much to see and do! It was a wonderful trip filled with some amazing experiences that hopefully the freshmen and sophomores will get to encounter in two years when Close Up returns to PSDS.





NEW BEGINNINGS ~ GRADUATION 2013

Springtime in Arizona, flowers blooming and new creations come to be. The sky is blue. Birds sweetly sing. Newness is all around. On May 22, 2013, PDSD high school seniors celebrated the end of a long hard road culminating in glorious pomp and circumstance! Seniors reflected on years of homework, tests, and finals. The seniors' tassels, robes and diplomas symbolized saying goodbye to high school and greeting the world ahead with pride in themselves and their achievements. The memories of Graduation 2013 will last a lifetime and will remain emblazoned on our minds forever.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to the following students for their acceptance at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf: Jorge Diaz who will start his program of study for Physical Therapy Assistant ~ Adrian Martinez who will start in the Automotive Maintenance Technician program ~ Jose Ramirez who will start his program of study for Fashion and Merchandising Design.

We also wanted to recognize the following seniors who received scholarship awards:

- **Architecture, Construction and Engineering Mentorship Program Scholarship** - Awarded to Nathan Manoz who plans to study Electrical Trades at Maricopa Skills Center in Phoenix, AZ.
- **Delta Zeta Sorority Phoenix Alumnae/Claudia Hosking Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to Brenda Cazares who plans to pursue her Nursing Assistant certification at Glendale Community College in Glendale, AZ.
- **Kevin G. DaSilva Foundation Scholarship** - Awarded to Jhoana Osorio who plans to study Data Entry Technology at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), in Big Spring, TX.
- **Mesa Noon Optimistic Club Scholarship** - Awarded to Diego Tolentino who plans to study Computer Programming at Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ.



Congratulations Class of 2013!

IS ANYBODY SLEEPY?

Recently middle school student council proposed a new tradition with the idea of an 8th grade sleepover on campus to celebrate their last week in middle school and promotion to 9th grade. On Thursday, May 16, the night before our Wet and Wild field trip, PDSD middle school hosted its first ever slumber party to honor this request. Sixteen 8th grade students spent the night on campus with PDSD staff chaperones. Students enjoyed a night of movies in the theater, video games, and dodge ball and basketball in the gym. Everyone's favorite memory of the night however was raiding the costume closet. Congratulations to our 8th graders moving on to high school. We hope you leave PDSD middle school with many happy memories!



MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS/8th GRADE PROMOTION On our last day of school, May 23, 2013, the middle school honored students' special achievements in academics, sports, and good character during our awards ceremony. Our highest honor of The Roadrunner Award went to students for overall achievement in all areas and for serving our middle school as exceptional role models throughout the 2012-2013 school year, including Andy Limon, Arlet Martinez, DeAndrae Johnson and Rachel Arvizu. Student council also recognized student choice for best teacher with Clayton Ide for 5/6 grade, and Dave Huber for 7/8 grade. We also recognized 22 8th graders who will be promoted to our PDSD High School department next year and will graduate as the PDSD class of 2017. Congratulations to all of our hard working middle school students on a successful end to a wonderful year and best of luck to our new high school freshmen!



HAVING FUN WHILE STAYING FIT...

Pat's Run

On April 20, 2013, four high school students participated in the 9th Annual Pat's Run in Tempe, Arizona. Together over 20,000 people walked or ran 4.2 miles in honor of Pat Tillman (#42 while playing football for the Arizona Cardinals). The finish line was located in the Sun Devil Stadium where our students had the opportunity to run on the football field and complete the race on the 42

yard line. It was a fun-filled day and each student completed the race with great success! Congratulations! A special thank you to Sorenson VRS for their sponsorship with high quality team shirts!

Disc Golf at Conocido Park



SPRING SPORTS

As the 2012-13 school year came to a close, PDSO started a new tradition of conducting two unusual spring activities for the first time - a two-week football spring practice and a one-week volleyball clinic. We had 21 boys practicing in full pads during the second week and 30 girls from 4th grade through 11th grade participating in the volleyball activity. New volleyball uniforms were unveiled and worn by the high school athletes on the last day. The activities proved beneficial in preparing our student athletes for next year, especially those who will enter high school competition for the first time.

The young high school track squad in its second year of

competing against high schools demonstrated increased comfort and confidence with individual records improving at every meet. Eric Blount qualified for the State championship 400-meter run but was unable to attend due to the Close Up trip to Washington DC. Tremendous improvements were shown in long and high jumps. Next year should be much more exciting for our track team!

The middle school girls' basketball teams enjoyed a successful season. The 7th/8th team won 15 games; they showed why they are ready to move up to high school level by beating a big school in the last game of the season! The 5th/6th grade

team remained undefeated throughout the season.

The annual on-campus sports physical examinations took place during the second week, and over 70 students took advantage of it. For clarification, the physical examination for the following school year will be given on or after March 1, per Arizona Interscholastic Association bylaws.

Ahead is a summer vacation, a very happy time in a student's life. No worry about school, time for the beach, friends, and summer! At the end of summer, students will be looking forward to going back to school again, a time for fun competition!



HIGH SCHOOL ART LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

High school art students participated in a unique project that took 4-1/2 weeks – Douglas Tilden Tape Self-Sculptures! Students, staff and visitors had a surprise as they saw life-size tape sculptures in the high school hallway, library, front office, gym, and even the elevator. Our high school students did an amazing job!

Douglas Tilden is a famous Deaf Artist who became deaf at the age of 4 by Scarlet Fever. He attended California School for the Deaf-Fremont and created the Bear Hunt sculpture which is at the California School for the Deaf, Fremont campus.

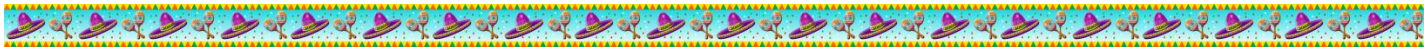
CLUB PROM

PDSO's high school prom is one of the most eagerly anticipated social events of the year! On April 20, 2013, high school students stepped out in style to attend Prom. Students dressed in beautiful clothing and spent the evening socializing and dancing into the wee hours of the morning. Around 50 students packed the Multipurpose Room at PDSO which was transformed into a "teens only" Club and students had a rockin' good time!




CINCO DE MAYO!


PDSD held a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 2, 2013 for students and their families. It was a HUGE success! We had 286 family members in attendance, not including numerous staff members who joined the event! Many thanks to the families who brought in a variety of Mexican food, drinks, desserts and piñatas! It was wonderful to see our students and their families enjoy the festivities. We are already working on plans for our 2014 Cinco de Mayo event and we do welcome any suggestions families may want to make. Feel free to contact the front office if you would like to be on the committee.





PDSD is celebrating the work of four individuals who are retiring this year. They have nearly 60 years of combined dedication and loyalty to PSDS!



 Sharon Pfister has worked with the Career Technical Education Department for 13 years. She first began her work at PSDS as a clerk and then was promoted to an administrative secretary. She has plans to enjoy her retirement years splitting her time between Arizona and Washington State. It seems as though she will become one of those annual snow birds!

 Kim Pascaretti has worked at PSDS for 9 years. She has worked in various departments within the ASDB agency in her time with us. She began as a substitute instructional aide and parent advisor. One year later she continued as a parent advisor but also became a full time teacher! As a teacher, she has worked in our high school department as well as life skills. In her spare time, Kim also was involved with after school tutoring and was an instructional trainer for various programs. After retirement settles a bit, Kim would like to come back to PSDS in the substitute teacher role!

 Isabell Duenas has been with the PSDS family for 19 years. Isabell began as a Spanish interpreter and was later moved to become the administrative secretary in the elementary department. Over the years, Isabell continued to be heavily involved with our Spanish-speaking families and interpreting needs. The elementary office won't be the same without Isabell's smiling face! Isabell will be enjoying retirement with her grandkids and great grandkids!

 Sandi Fisher was an asset to PSDS in various roles over her 18 years. She was a middle school and high school English teacher, supervising teacher, assistant principal and even the campus principal for one school year. Sandi realized that she most enjoyed her time teaching the students and returned to the classroom as a teacher after 5 years in administration. Sandi was heavily involved as an after school tutor, club/organization sponsor and Close Up and International Studies coordinator. Her vacancy in the high school department will be a difficult one to fill! Sandi plans on enjoying her new found free time staying active and traveling to see long lost friends!

We wish all four of these outstanding individuals the best of luck with their retirement! They will all be sorely missed by everyone at PSDS!



This was a special year for Teacher Appreciation – a big thank you to Kat Hill and her family and friends for sponsoring and putting together a wonderful breakfast on May 7 for our teachers!



2013 VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat., Sept. 7	@ Arizona School for the Deaf	5:00 pm
Tue., Sept. 10	Glendale Prep	6:00 pm
Thur., Sept. 12	@ NFL YET Prep	6:00 pm
Tue., Sept. 17	@ Thunderbird Academy	6:00 pm
Thur., Sept. 19	@ Phoenix Christian	6:00 pm
Tue., Sept. 24	Gilbert Christian	6:00 pm
Thur., Sept. 26	@ Arizona Charter	6:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 27	Salome	6:00 pm
Mon., Sept. 30	Sequoia	6:00 pm
Tue., Oct. 1	Rancho Solano	6:00 pm
Thur.-Sat., Oct. 3-5	Spike Out at Texas School for the Deaf	
Tue., Oct. 15	Bagdad	6:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 16	Valley Lutheran	6:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 19	@ Williams	3:00 pm
Mon., Oct. 21	Mayer	6:00 pm
Tue., Oct. 22	Mingus Mountain	6:00 pm
Mon., Oct. 28	@ Salt River	6:00 pm
Tue., Oct. 29	@ Joy Christian	6:00 pm
Nov. 1-2	Regionals	TBA
Nov. 8-9	State Championship	TBA

2013 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fri., Aug. 23	Scrimmage	TBA
Sat., Aug. 31	New Mexico School for the Deaf	7:00 pm
Sat., Sept. 7	@ Arizona School for the Deaf	7:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 13	Ajo High School	4:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 20	@ Salt River High School	7:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 27	Salome High School (Homecoming)	7:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 4	Arizona Charter Academy	3:30 pm
Fri., Oct. 11	@ Ranch Solano Prep	7:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 18	@ Bagdad High School	7:00 pm

2013-2014 School Year

Registration for All Students.....	July 18
First Day of School.....	August 5
Picture Day.....	August 30
Labor Day--no school.....	September 2
Fall Break--no school.....	October 7-11
Veteran's Day--no school.....	November 11
Thanksgiving Break--no school.....	November 27-29
Winter Break--no school.....	December 20-January 3
Elementary Parent Conferences.....	January 14 and 15
Martin Luther King Day--no school.....	January 20
President's Day--no school.....	February 17
Middle School Parent Conferences.....	February 20
Spring Break--no school.....	March 17-21
High School Student-Led Conferences.....	March 27
Staff Development--no school.....	March 31
Prom.....	April 19
Cinco de Mayo.....	May 1
Teacher Appreciation Day.....	May 6
Last Day of School.....	May 22

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 Arizona School for the Deaf, 1200 W. Speedway, Tucson
 Salt River High School, 4827 N. Country Club, Scottsdale
 Rancho Solano Prep, 9180 E. Via De Ventura Blvd., Scottsdale
 Bagdad High School, Bagdad

The middle school schedules will be ready in September.

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